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Town Officers.

Moderator,

JOSEPH C. A. WINGATE.

Town Clerk,

ALBERT C. LANE.

Selectmen,

EMMONS B. CHASE, JOSEPH T. SMART,
BENAIAH WIGGIN.

Treasurer,

ALBERT C. LANE.

Collector of Taxes,

JOSEPH M. WIGGIN.

Board of Education,

JOHN J. SCAMMON, FREDERICK A. CAVERLY,
ISAAC S. WIGGIN.

Board of Health,

MARK G. ROBERTS, GEORGE E. GOWEN,
FRED N. EDMUNDS.

Library Trustees,

RICHARD M. SCAMMON, FREDERICK A. CAVERLY,
GEORGE E. GOWEN.

Auditors,

RICHARD M. SCAMMON, GEORGE E. GOWEN.

Supervisors.

GILBERT A. THOMPSON, WILLIE L. BARKER,
JOSEPH M. WIGGIN.

Town Warrant.

[L. S.] THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Stratham, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, for paying town debt, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to furnish water supply at the Town Hall and make appropriation of the same.

4. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred.

E. B. CHASE,
J. T. SMART,
BENAIAH WIGGIN, } Selectmen of Stratham.

Selectmen's Report.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount of money raised and appropriated for the year 1899.

State tax,	$1,024 25	
County tax,	1,656 68	
School tax,	1,205 00	
School district note,	500 00	
For use of town,	500 00	
For painting and repairing school house,	250 00	
For decorating soldiers' graves,	25 00	
Library tax,	72 30	
Highway tax,	1,050 40	
Total,		$6,283 63

VALUATION.

Polls, 159,	$15,900 00	
Land and buildings,	327,882 00	
Horses, 328,	13,380 00	
Asses, 1,	10 00	
Oxen, 12,	810 00	
Cows, 609,	14,985 00	
Other neat stock, 13,	222 00	
Sheep, 57,	171 00	
Hogs, 8,	60 00	
Carriages, 4,	200 00	
Stock in public funds,	100 00	
Stock in banks and other corporations in this state,	6,500 00	
Stock in corporations out of this state,	9,700 00	
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit,	20,839 00	
Stock in trade,	6,675 00	
Mills,	2,625 00	
Total,		$420,059 00

Town rate of taxation on $100, $1.50.

District rate of taxation on $100, 47c.

ABATEMENTS OF 1899.

Alonzo Beal,	$1 80	
Willie Beal,	1 88	
John Carroll,	1 50	
Wendell G. Hooper,	1 50	
Charles E. Joy,	2 48	
Walter Tuttle,	1 50	
Howard Taylor,	1 50	
William Weeks,	1 50	
		$13 66

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS FEBRUARY 15, 1900.

George M. Dixon, note at 4 per cent,	$500 00	
John N. Thompson, note at 4 per cent.,	750 00	
Annie C. Jones, " "	500 00	
Estimated outstanding bills,	150 00	
		$1,900 00

MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Uncollected taxes of 1899,	$635 76	
Note against J. Fred Emery, due Aug. 15, 1900,	56 92	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	521 82	
		$1,214 50
Town debt,		$685 50

E. B. CHASE,
J. T. SMART,
BENAIAH WIGGIN, } Selectmen of Stratham.

Collector's Report.

ACCOUNT OF COLLECTOR JOSEPH M. WIGGIN,

FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1900.

Amount of taxes committed to him for collection, State, County, Town, School and Highway,	$5,843 23	
Non Resident,	478 01	
		$6,321 24

COLLECTOR WIGGIN'S DISCHARGE.

Paid Treasurer in cash,	$5,547 70	
Discounts,	124 12	
Abatements,	13 66	
		$5,685 48
Uncollected taxes,		$635 76
Paid Treasurer interest on taxes, collected after December 1, 1899,	$2 09	

STRATHAM, February 15, 1900.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Collector Joseph M. Wiggin and found them correctly cast, and properly vouched.

GEO. E. GOWEN, }
R. M. SCAMMON, } Auditors.

Treasurer's Report.

TREASURER LANE'S REPORT.

Balance from last year,	$294 05	
Received of Collector Joseph M. Wiggin,	5,549 79	
J. Fred Emery,	378 64	
County Treasurer,	654 00	
J. T. Smart, on note,	750 00	
John N. Thompson, on note,	500 00	
Annie C. Jones, on note,	500 00	
Eva Morse, for cemetery lot,	10 00	
Thomas Morris estate,	178 07	
Literary fund,	72 96	
Railroad tax,	230 72	
Savings Bank tax,	934 84	
Geo. B. Wiggin, rent of hall,	8 25	
Benaiah Wiggin,	1 00	
Henry Jewell, cash not spent,	45	
Dog licenses,	64 40	
		$10,127 17

TREASURER LANE'S DISCHARGE.

Paid Josephine Jewell, member School Board,	$6 25
John Templeton, checklists,	3 50
Gilbert Thompson, supervisor checklist,	18 00
E. M. C. Lane, abatement,	50
Henry L. Jewell, snow paths,	207 13
John W. Marsh, "	128 30
Charles Brewster, "	174 03
Geo. A. Wiggin, school supplies,	5 27
" insurance permit, Thos. Morris house,	1 00

Paid Heirs of Chas. Lane, use of watering trough,	$3 00
James W. Rollins, " "	3 00
Frank H. Brewster, labor on town hill,	10 35
Exeter Banking Co., revenue checkbook,	1 00
E. B. Chase, services after auditing,	8 00
Geo. W. Dixon, use of watering trough,	3 00
John Templeton, printing town reports,	38 00
Florence Dodge, nursing Mrs. L. H. Thompson,	15 00
Rev. D. A. Boatright, conducting funeral services,	3 00
" " services as Librarian,	11 25
Dr. J. W. Odell, medical aid for Thos. Morris,	1 50
J. Fred Emery, services as Constable, 1898,	14 07
Geo. A. Wiggin, services as member School Board,	9 50
" " supplies and repairs,	3 40
Henry Jewell, snow paths,	8 00
John Templeton, posters for Morris auction,	1 50
Jas. H. Batchelder, blank books,	65
J. T. Smart, services after auditing,	10 15
B. Wiggin, " "	4 00
J. T. Smart, note and interest,	301 24
Exeter Banking Co., note and interest,	508 34
Frank Chapman, watering trough,	3 00
Josephine Jewell, services School Board,	1 00
George W. Dixon, interest on note,	20 00
T. Fitzgerald, labor on highway,	30
Jas. H. Batchelder, blankbooks,	1 25
John W. Marsh, snow paths,	6 28
Chas. J. Brewster, "	7 07
Wm. Morse, 1 cord pine wood,	3 25
J. P. Melzer, blanks,	70
Mary McCoy, 3 days nursing Mrs. C. Rand,	3 00
O. A. Fleming, casket and box for Rand child,	5 00
A. S. Wetherell, 1 yard rubber sheeting for Rand child,	1 00
B. H. Moulton, burying Rand child,	1 50
William H. Fay, clothing, Mrs. Rand,	1 50
Geo. B. French, " "	4 22
Mrs. Nellie Rand, nursing Mrs. C. Rand 33 days,	30 00

Paid Mrs. Jennie Robinson, nursing Mrs. C. Rand,	$8	17
Dr. Jas. Odell, medical aid, "	40	00
F. N. Edmunds, 1-2 bushel onions for Mrs. C. Rand,		50
Geo. Dixon, meat, 1 cord wood, "	13	73
Samuel Rand, care of Rand family,	10	00
G. H. Odell, groceries for Rand family,	11	71
Wm. Farnum, labor,		45
Geo. W. Dixon, abatement,	4	50
Exeter Banking Co., revenue stamps,	1	00
J. T. Smart, note and interest,	453	78
J. N. Thompson, school note and interest,	523	80
County tax,	1,656	68
Jos. M. Wiggin, grading Plains school house,	2	00
R. M. Scammon, library fund,	72	30
Eric Olsen, 3 tons coal for Town Hall,	17	25
F. A. Caverly, services as Librarian, 1898,	2	88
" repairs on pump, Districts 1 and 3,	6	38
J. C. A. Wingate, interest on Congregational note,	20	00
J. J. Scammon, services as auctioneer, T. Morris place,	5	00
Michael Spurr, labor in cemetery,	1	50
Thos. Leavitt, tuning piano,	2	00
H. A. Shute, insurance on T. Morris place,		62
State tax,	1,024	25
John N. Thompson, note and interest,	516	33
Town of Exeter, 4 boundary stones and surveying,	16	00
Exeter Banking Co., revenue stamps,	1	00
L. H. Thompson, snow paths,	2	53
H. Q. Tuttle, sawing wood,	1	50
Peter Cote, labor on plow,	1	00
J. T. Smart, 1 cord hard wood,	4	00
" snow paths,	1	60
Jas. H. Batchelder, order book,		75
Geo. W. Dixon, watering trough, 1899,	3	00
F. A. Caverly, services member School Board,	9	00
Geo. W. Parkman, snow paths,	2	47
E. B. Chase, services Selectman,	63	50
J. T. Smart, " "	41	75

Paid Benaiah Wiggin, services Selectman,	$36	50
F. P. Harvey, labor on hall,	1	05
Geo. M. Hall, snow paths,	1	00
Isaac S. Wiggin, member School Board,	11	75
" snow paths,	1	00
Lottie G. Smart, Librarian,	25	00
" preparing books,	3	35
Albert C. Lane, Town Clerk and Treasurer,	50	00
" School Clerk and Treasurer,	10	00
" recording vital statistics,	5	25
" supplying information and returning,	1	50
" services as Justice of the Peace,	3	00
" writing material and postage,	1	80
Telephone Co., sending message,		50
James W. Rollins, watering trough,	3	00
J. J. Scammon, member School Board,	42	00
A. C. Lane, notifying dog owners,	10	00
J. F. Emery, " " 1898,	10	00
R. M. Scammon, Auditor,	3	00
Geo. E. Gowen, "	3	00
William E. Paul, tank for furnace,	3	50
Prescott Coburn, labor on road,	2	00
H. J. Willey, care of cemetery,	12	00
Jos. E. Wiggin, for collecting taxes,	60	00
	$6,434	13

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

May	6, Paid James C. Piper, Highway Surveyor,	$40	00
June	3, Willie L. Barker, "	45	45
	W. G. Parkman, "	42	20
	L. H. Thompson, "	23	43
	Geo. A. Bowley, "	38	20
	Geo. M. Hall, "	13	23
	Geo. W. Parkman, "	50	00
	Geo. H. Wiggin, "	55	75

June	3, Geo. R. Brewster,	Highway Surveyor,	$32 00
	A. E. Jewell,	"	50 00
July	1, Geo. W. Chase,	"	62 57
	Geo. W. Parkman,	"	30 00
	J. T. Smart,	"	12 00
	Chas. W. Scott,	"	60 00
	John S. Brewster,	"	22 00
	18, Geo. R. Brewster,	"	13 00
	A. E. Jewell,	"	12 59
	Geo. M. Hall,	"	31 77
	Charles H. Thompson,	"	73 28
Aug.	3, Willie L. Barker,	"	34 20
Oct.	7, L. H. Thompson,	"	26 56
Nov.	4, Geo. H. Bowley,	"	12 15
	J. T. Smart,	"	50 00
	Geo. W. Parkman,	"	24 18
	Geo. W. Parkman,	"	45 00
	Chas. W. Scott,	"	15 00
	Wm. B. Lang,	"	50 00
	J. C. Piper,	"	20 00
	Geo. H. Wiggin,	"	21 83
	John S. Brewster,	"	3 00
	Geo. W. Chase,	"	12 43
	J. T. Smart,	"	9 14
	Geo. H. Wiggin,	"	1 50
	Charles H. Thompson,	"	2 40
			$1,034 86

SCHOOLS.

Paid A. C. Lane, Treasurer, school district tax,	$1,205 00
Income from literary fund,	72 96
" dog licenses,	55 00
Money voted for repairs in district,	200 00
" fence, division 2,	33 35
	$1,566 31

COUNTY BILLS.

Paid A. E. Jewell, rent of house for Geo. F. Wentworth,	$36 00
Geo. H. Odell, groceries " "	91 00
J. E. Stockbridge, wood " "	9 30
Fred L. Jewell, " " "	9 25
J. T. Smart, " " "	6 50
E. B. Chase, to County Commissioner Paul's and B. White's,	2 00
B. H. Moulton, care S. B. Wiggin,	162 00
Dr. Day, medical aid for Mrs. Cooper,	54 50
Everett Weeks, nursing "	18 00
Mrs. M. M. Young, nursing "	12 00
Jos. M. Wiggin, conveying White family to County Farm,	3 00
H. J. Willey, burying Jennie Mason,	5 50
Mrs. Florence Dodge, nursing Mrs. Carr,	11 00

DEPENDENT SOLDIER.

Albert Gove,	150 00
	$570 05

RECAPITULATION.

Cash received by the Treasurer,		$10,127 17
Paid outstanding demands and sundry expenses,	$6,439 13	
Highways,	1,034 86	
Schools,	1,566 31	
County charges,	415 05	
Dependent soldiers,	150 00	
Balance,	521 82	
		$10,127 17

NOTES HELD AGAINST THE TOWN OF STRATHAM.

TOWN NOTES.

Feb. 1, 1896, George W. Dixon,	$500, 4	per cent., on demand.
Feb. 8, 1898, John N. Thompson,	$750, 4	" " "
March 21, 1899, Annie C. Jones,	$500, 4	" " "

DISTRICT NOTE.

Sept. 1, 1897, Congregational Society, $500, 4 per cent., 3 years.

NOTES PAID BY THE TOWN.

TOWN NOTE.

April 9, 1899, Exeter Banking Company, $500

DISTRICT NOTE.

Jan. 15, 1900, John N. Thompson, $500

NOTE HELD BY THE TOWN.

Feb. 15, 1900, J. Fred Emery, $56.92, 4 per cent, 6 months.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

STRATHAM, Feb. 15, 1900.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of Albert C. Lane, Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance in his hands of five hundred twenty-one and 82-100 dollars ($521.82).

GEO. E. GOWEN, }
R. M. SCAMMON, } Auditors.

Town Officers' Bills.

Town of Stratham, To E. B. Chase, Dr.

1899.			
Mar.	16,	To writing town officers' bonds and delivering the same,	$2 00
	18 and 20,	preparing and delivering inventory blanks,	3 50
		evening session,	50
	21,	collecting bills and settling with County Commissioners,	2 00
	23,	Mr. Smart's and Mr. Lane's on town business,	1 00
	24,	preparing notice of auction and delivering to printer,	50
	29,	distributing notices of auction,	1 00
April	1,	writing and posting notices of Selectmen's meeting,	50
		evening session,	50
	11,	one-half day appraising wood and lumber,	1 00
	14 and 15,	making assessments,	4 00
	17,	attending auction at Morris place,	1 50
	24,	one day in session on account of preparing highway surveyors' books,	2 00
	25,	evening session,	50
		making return of inventory to Secretary of State and Treasurer,	3 00
		qualifying surveyors,	1 00
May	6,	evening session,	50
		making taxes and recording same,	10 00
		preparing and delivering Collector's book,	3 00
June	3,	evening session,	50
	10,	Otis French's on account of diseased cattle,	1 00
July	1,	evening session,	50
Aug.	5,	evening session,	50

Aug.	8,	To A. H. Cragg's on account of fire and reporting the same,	$1 00
	15,	collecting bills and settling with County Commissioners,	2 00
	26,	F. A. Caverly's on town business,	50
Sept.	2,	evening session,	50
Oct.	7,	evening session,	50
	13,	perambulating line between Exeter and Stratham,	2 00
	19,	County Commissioner Paul's and to County Farm on account of county charge,	3 00
Nov.	4,	evening session,	50
	8,	running line between Exeter and Stratham,	2 00
Dec.	2,	evening session,	50
		settling with State Treasurer,	1 00
1900.			
Jan.	6,	evening session,	50
	16,	collecting bills and settling with county,	2 00
Feb.	3,	evening session,	50
		writing and posting notice of Selectmen's meeting,	50
		stationery and postage,	2 00
	14 and 15,	in session,	4 00
			$63 50

Town of Stratham, To J. T. Smart, Dr.

1899.			
Mar.	16,	use of telephone,	$0 30
		to Geo. F. Wentworth's and Dr. Sawyer's,	1 00
	18,	preparing inventory blanks,	2 00
	20,	distributing inventory blanks,	1 50
		use of telephone,	30
		to Exeter on town business,	1 00
		evening session,	50

Mar. 22,	to Cerilla Rand's on account of sickness,	$1 00
April 1,	evening session,	50
1, 3, 4, 5, 11,	taking inventory,	10 00
8,	repairing culvert,	50
14, 15,	receiving inventory blanks and making assessments,	4 00
24,	preparing surveyors' books,	2 00
25,	evening preparing surveyors' books,	50
26,	appointing surveyors,	1 00
May 6,	evening session,	50
18,	use of telephone,	15
	to County Commissioner Paul's,	1 00
June 3,	evening session,	50
July 1,	" "	50
Aug. 5,	" "	50
Sept. 2,	" "	50
Oct. 7,	" "	50
12, 14,	running line between Exeter and Stratham,	4 00
Nov. 4,	evening session,	50
20,	1-2 day at gravel pit,	1 00
30,	to Town Clerk's,	50
Dec. 2,	evening session,	50
1900.		
Jan. 6,	" "	50
Feb. 3,	" "	50
14,	in session,	2 00
15,	in session,	2 00
		$41 75

Town of Stratham, To Benaiah Wiggin, Dr.

1899.		
Mar. 18,	To preparing inventory blanks,	$2 00
20,	distributing blanks,	1 50
April 1, 3, 4, 5, 11,	taking inventory and evening session,	10 50
14 and 15,	receiving inventories and making assessments,	4 00
24,	1 day in session,	2 00

Apr.	25, evening session,	$0 50
	26, delivering surveyors' books,	1 00
May	6, evening session,	50
June	3, " "	50
	10, to O. B. French's to appraise a cow,	1 00
July	1, evening session,	50
Aug.	5, " "	50
Sept.	2, " "	50
Oct.	7, " "	50
	13, perambulating line between Exeter and Stratham,	2 00
Nov.	4, evening session,	50
	8, examining bounds,	2 00
Dec.	2, evening session,	50
1900.		
Jan.	6, " "	50
Feb.	3, " "	50
	7, to A. E. Jewell's and A. Thompson's,	50
	to E. B. Chase's and J. W. Marsh's,	50
	14, in session,	2 00
	15, in session,	2 00
		$36 50

Reports of Highway Agents.

C. J. Brewster—Snow paths, after auditing in 1899.

Paid James P. Chase,	7 1-2	hours at	.15,	$1 12
James W. Rollins,	22 1-2	"	.15,	3 38
James W. Rollins, team,	3	"	.40,	1 20
Benjamin S. Jenness,	45	"	.15,	6 75
Jesse Merrill,	8	"	.15,	1 20
Joseph Barnard,	17	"	.15,	2 55
John S. Brewster,	22	"	.15,	3 30
Sylvester Dame, with team,	12	"	.40,	4 80
Sylvester Dame, man,	15	"	.15,	2 25
Melvin D. Stickney, with team,	25	"	.40,	10 00
Melvin Stickney, man,	133	"	.15,	19 95
Nestor Tuttle,	23	"	.15,	3 45
G. R. Brewster,	30	"	.15,	4 50
G. R. Brewster, team,	14 1-2	"	.40,	5 80
J. Fred Emery,	22	"	.15,	3 30
George Parkman,	10	"	.15,	1 50
Walter Tuttle,	28	"	.15,	4 20
John S. Scammon,	32	"	.15,	4 80
Fred Wentworth,	36	"	.15,	5 40
Charles Grant,	21	"	.15,	3 15
Herbert Lang,	33 1-2	"	.15,	5 02
Herbert Lang, team,	3	"	.40,	1 20
John W. Lane,	22 1-2	"	.15,	3 22
William Wentworth,	36 1-2	"	.15,	5 47
George H. Bowley,	39	"	.15,	5 85
George H. Bowley, team,	7	"	.40,	2 80
J. Wesley Berry,	37	"	.15,	5 55
J. Wesley Berry, team,	1	"	.40,	40
Frank L. Tuttle,	20	"	.15,	3 00

Paid Irvin E. Thompson,	24 hours at	.15,	$3 60
Arthur J. Thompson,	18 "	.15,	2 70
Mark G. Roberts,	10 "	.15,	1 50
Gordon Martin, team,	2 "	.40,	80
J. N. Thompson,	12 1-2 "	.15,	1 87
R. M. Scammon,	41 "	.15,	6 15
Marshall Chase,	17 "	.15,	2 55
Marshall Chase, team,	8 1-2 "	.40,	3 40
Lester Dining,	20 "	.15,	3 00
Albert N. Rollins,	18 "	.15,	2 70
Frank Rundlett,	40 "	.15,	6 00
Otis W. Tuttle,	38 "	.15,	5 70
Leslie A. Cook,	20 "	.15,	3 00
George W. Bowley,	18 "	.15,	2 70
C. J. Brewster,	53 "	.20,	10 60
			$181 38

H. L. Jewell—Snow paths, after auditing in 1899.

Paid L. D. Dority, with team,	20 1-2 hours at	.40,	$8 20
" man,	57 1-2 "	.15,	8 62
Mrs. M. J. Adams, man,	32 "	.15,	4 80
L. H. Thompson, with team,	13 1-2 "	.40,	5 40
" man,	6 "	.15,	90
L. A. Barnby,	19 "	.15,	2 85
A. A. Haven, with team,	11 "	.40,	4 40
" man,	11 "	.15,	1 65
F. C. Bond,	20 "	.15,	3 00
G. W. Chase, with team,	8 1-4 "	.40,	3 30
" man,	15 1-2 "	.15,	2 33
A. H. Otis,	13 1-2 "	.15,	2 03
James Snell,	31 "	.15,	4 65
H. Q. Tuttle,	9 "	.15,	1 35
James Cooper,	15 "	.15,	2 25
" boy,	5 "	.10,	50

Paid F. A. Caverly,	14 hours at	.15,	$2 10
C. E. Pickering, with team,	15 1-4 "	.40,	6 10
" man,	21 "	.15,	3 15
H. J. Willey,	30 1-2 "	.15,	4 57
" boy,	10 1-2 "	.10,	1 05
G. A. Tuck,	16 1-2 "	.15,	2 48
A. H. Craig,	92 1-2 "	.15,	13 88
" boy,	28 1-2 "	.10,	2 85
L. W. Carr,	16 "	.15,	2 40
John S. Johnson,	25 "	.15,	3 75
M. Spurr,	60 "	.15,	9 00
G. F. Hodgdon,	29 1-2 "	.15,	4 43
Geo. Woodard,	60 "	.15,	9 00
G. M. Hall, with team,	16 1-4 "	.40,	6 50
" man,	21 "	.15,	3 15
O. B. French, with team,	6 "	.40,	2 40
" man,	2 "	.15,	30
A. W. Robinson,	25 1-2 "	.15,	3 83
M. B. Hanley,	6 "	.15,	90
William Roby,	2 "	.15,	30
E. S. Marston,	7 1-2 "	.15,	1 13
J. O. French,	15 "	.15,	2 25
Ralph E. Haley,	24 1-2 "	.15,	3 68
G. W. Dixon,	54 "	.15,	8 10
W. L. Morse,	56 "	.15,	8 40
E. C. Robinson,	18 1-2 "	.15,	2 78
S. L. Rand,	30 "	.15,	4 50
" boy,	19 "	.10,	1 90
W. H. Gregory,	20 "	.15,	3 00
" boy,	20 "	.10,	2 00
F. N. Edmunds,	3 "	.15,	45
G. A. Thompson,			2 87
F. V. Chapman, team,	1 "	.40,	40
" boy,	3 1-2 "	.10,	35
Ralph E. Gowen,	3 1-2 "	.15,	53
C. E. Gowen, team,	1 "	.40,	40
Oscar Chapman,	1 "	.15,	15

Paid Geo. F. Hodgdon,	2 hours at .15,		$0 30
A. H. Craig,	2	" .15,	30
H. L. Jewell, team,	28	" .25,	7 00
" man,	60	" .15,	9 00
" labor,	77 1-2	" .20,	15 50
" one horse,	3	" .10,	30
repairs on sled,			1 00
			$214 66

JOHN W. MARSH—Snow paths, after auditing in 1899.

Paid James C. Piper, 2 pair horses,	19 3-4 hours at .80,		$15 80
" man,	15	" .15,	2 25
Benjamin Witham,	9	" .15,	1 35
Frank Witham,	9	" .15,	1 35
Adrian Cooper,	5	" .15,	75
Prescott Coburn,	33 1-4	" .15,	4 98
A. E. Jewell, team,	11 1-2	" .40,	4 60
G. A. Thompson, 2 pair horses,	8 1-2	" .80,	6 80
" 2 men,	18 1-2	" .15,	5 55
A. H. Thompson.	18	" .15,	2 70
Clarence E. Gowen, team,	2 1-2	" .40,	1 00
" man,	3	" .15,	45
Ralph Gowen,	3	" .15,	45
Charles Grant,	11 1-2	" .15,	1 73
Oscar Chapman,	4	" .15,	60
Frank V. Chapman, team	2 1-2	"	1 00
" man,	3	" .15,	45
" boy,	12 1-2	" .10,	1 25
Joseph M. Wiggin, team,	6	"	2 40
" man,	19	" .15,	2 85
George H. Wiggin, team,	3	" .40,	1 20
" man,	14 1-2	" .15,	2 18
Charles E. Wiggin,	23	" .15,	3 45
Benaiah Wiggin,	5	" .15,	75
Frank McCoy,	20	" .15,	3 00

Paid William Wentworth,	33 hours at.	15,	$4 95
Eddie Wentworth,	20 "	.15,	3 00
Albert Leavitt,	4 "	.15,	60
A. A. Batchelder, team,	4 1-2 "	.40,	1 80
" man,	42 1-4 "	.15,	6 34
A. B. Cushman,	16 "	.15,	2 40
Frank P. Smith,	4 "	.15,	60
W. L. Barker, team,	15 1-2 "	.40,	6 20
" man,	12 "	.15,	1 80
Frank H. Barker, team,	9 1-2 "	.40,	3 80
" man,	17 "	.15,	2 55
A. R. Marsh,	9 1-4 "	.15,	1 39
Fred L. Jewell, team,	17 1-2 "	.40,	7 00
" man,	37 1-2 "	.15,	5 63
George C. Jewell,	4 "	.15,	60
E. B. Jewell, team,	6 "	.40,	2 40
" man,	2 "	.15,	30
Freeman Smith,	15 "	.15,	2 25
Gilbert Sweeny,	21 "	.15,	3 15
John W. Marsh,	49 "	.20,	9 80
Use of plow,			25
			$135 70

Reports of Highway Surveyors.

CHARLES W. SCOTT—Summer roads.

Paid Geo. W. Dixon,	$12 50
" "	5 50
Chas. H. Thompson,	11 00
Albert Haven,	11 00
Geo. Hall,	5 50
C. E. Pickering,	3 94
W. L. Morse,	6 00
"	4 31
"	1 30
M. B. Hanley,	2 25
"	1 50
C. W. Scott,	10 20
	$75 00

GEORGE M. HALL—Summer roads.

Paid Geo. M. Hall, team labor,	10 1-2	hours at	.35,	$3 68
" "	51	"	.40,	20 40
" man,	3	"	.15,	45
" boy,	15	"	.07 1-2,	1 13
L. D. Dority, team,	9	"	.35,	3 15
" "	33	"	.40,	13 23
F. N. Edmunds, man,	20	"	.15,	3 00
				$45 04

SNOW PATHS.

Geo. M. Hall, breaking roads,	4	hours at	.15,	$0 60
" " team,	1	"	.40,	40
				$46 04

G. W. Chase—Summer roads.

Paid Wm. Farnum,	10 hours at	.15,	$1 50
A. A. Haven, man,	15 "	.15,	2 25
" man with team,	30 "	.40,	12 00
L. H. Thompson, man with team,	26 "	.40,	10 40
" man,	10 1-2 "	.15,	1 58
G. W. Chase, man,	100 1-2 "	.15,	15 07
" man with team,	80 1-2 "	.40,	32 20
			$75 00

L. H. Thompson—Summer roads.

Paid L. H. Thompson, team,	85 1-2 hours at	.40,	$34 20
" man,	76 "	.15,	11 39
J. H. Hart, team,	11 "	.40,	4 40
			$49 99

SNOW PATHS.

Paid L. H. Thompson, team,	2 1-2 hours at	.40,	$1 00
" man,	3 1-2 "	.15,	53
A. A. Haven, team,	2 1-2 "	.40,	1 00
			$2 53

J. T. Smart—Summer roads.

Paid Moses Crowell,	20 1-2 hours at	.40,	$8 20
"	20 1-2 "	.15,	3 07
C. J. Brewster,	25 "	.40,	10 00
F. P. Harvey,	45 "	.15,	6 75
W. Wentworth,	10 "	.15,	1 50
Charles Grant,	12 1-2 "	.15,	1 87
Geo. Briscot,	18 "	.15,	2 70
Luther Eames,	65 "	.15,	9 75
John Cooper,	4 "	.10,	40
J. T. Smart,	56 "	.40,	22 40
"	30 "	.15,	4 50
H. Q. Tuttle,	1 "	.15,	15
			$71 29

SNOW PATHS.

Jan. 2, To breaking roads, with team,	2 hours at .40,		$0 80
" Chas. J. Brewster, "	2 " .40,		80
			$1 60

GEO. W. PARKMAN—Summer roads.

Paid Geo. W. Parkman, team,	53 1-2 hours at .40,	$21 40
" man,	4 " .15,	60
" " team,	43 " .40,	17 20
" "	20 " .15,	3 00
A. Russell Parkman,	48 " .15,	7 20
J. Wesley Berry, team,	15 " .40,	6 00
" man,	35 " .15,	5 25
John N. Thompson, team,	20 " .40,	8 00
" man,	30 " .15,	4 50
Erving Thompson,	38 1-2 " .15,	5 78
John J. Scammon, team,	20 " .40,	8 00
Willard G. Parkman,	8 1-2 " .15,	1 28
Hauling tile,		1 00
S. Dame, team,	20 " .40,	8 00
" "	12 " .40,	4 80
" man,	68 " .15,	10 20
Use of plow,		50
Fred A. Smith,	30 " .15,	4 50
John S. Scammon,	29 " .15,	4 35
Geo. H. Bowley,	26 " .15,	3 90
Otis W. Tuttle,	74 " .15,	11 10
A. Young, 52 ft. 8 inch pipe at .18,		9 36
		$145 92

SNOW PATHS.

Paid Geo. W. Parkman, team,	3 hours at .40,	1 20
" man,	3 " .15,	45
John F. Ayer, team,	3 " .40,	1 20
		$2 85

Overdrawn, $2.88.

W. G. Parkman—Summer roads.

Paid W. G. Parkman, team,	21	hours at	.40,	$8 40
" man,	18	"	.15,	2 70
J. W. Berry, team,	26	"	.40,	10 40
" man,	22	"	.15,	3 30
J. G. Barnard, team,	18	"	.40,	7 20
A. R. Parkman,	4	"	.15,	60
G. W. Parkman,	22	"	.15,	3 50
I. W. Thompson,	18	"	.15,	2 70
J. W. Lane,	16	"	.15,	2 40
Repairs on road machine,				40
W. H. Lang, use of cart 20 hours,				80
				$42 40

W. B. Lang—Summer roads.

Paid W. B. Lang,	46	hours at	.15,	$6 90
" horse and cart,	11	"	.15,	1 65
W. H. Lang, team,	36	"	.40,	14 40
S. B. Jenness, team,	15	"	.35,	5 25
" man and horse,	15	"	.25,	3 75
"	15	"	.15,	2 25
J. P. Chase, team,	10	"	.40,	4 00
" man and horse,	15	"	.25,	3 75
"	5	"	.15,	75
" cart,	5	"	.05,	25
W. Dining,	15	"	.15,	2 25
				$45 20

Overdrawn, $4.80.

Geo. H. Wiggin—Summer roads.

Paid Albert N. Rollins, team,	9	hours at	.40,	$3 60
James W. Rollins, "	9	"	.40,	3 60
" man,	9	"	.15,	1 35
Melvin D. Stickney, team,	10	"	.40,	4 00
" " man,	1	"	.15,	15
" "	25	"	.15,	3 75

Paid Albert C. Leavitt, team,	9 1-2 hours at .40,		$3 80
" "	15 " .15,		2 25
Uri A. Lane,	25 " .15,		3 75
" use of plow,			25
"	15 " .15,		2 25
William Wentworth,	10 " .15,		1 50
Will Tuttle,	10 " .15,		1 50
Joseph M. Wiggin, team,	10 " .40,		4 00
Charles E. Wiggin, "	10 " .40,		4 00
Geo. H. Wiggin, "	64 1-2 " .40,		25 80
" man,	80 1-6 " .15,		12 03
" "	10 " .15,		1 50
			$79 08

GEORGE H. BOWLEY—Summer roads.

Paid G. H. Bowley,	26 2-3 hours at .15,		$4 00
" " with team,	46 " .40,		18 40
J. M. Wiggin, " "	19 " .40,		7 60
" " use of cart,			1 00
O. W. Tuttle,	35 " .15,		5 25
William Wentworth, with team,	4 " .25,		1 00
" "	40 " .15,		6 00
J. E. Chase, 63 loads of gravel,		.05,	3 15
G. R. Brewster, with team,	8 " .40,		3 20
G. W. Bowley,	5 " .15,		75
			$50 35

W. L. BARKER—Summer roads.

Paid H. V. Smith, 18 hours' labor, man and team,	$7 20
F. H. Jewell, 22 " " "	8 80
" 9 " man,	1 35
F. H. Barker, 9 " man and team,	3 60
J. W. Marsh, 18 "	2 70
A. R. Marsh, 18 "	2 70
Ralph Barker, 18 "	2 70
Wm. Wentworth, 18 hours' labor,	2 70
T. H. Fitzgerald, 9 "	1 35
G. L. Barker, 18 "	2 70

Paid F. H. Barker, 8 hours' work with team,		$3 20
F. H. Barker, 8 hours' work, man,		1 20
A. R. Marsh, 16 "		2 40
J. W. Marsh, 12 "		1 80
W. L. Barker, work, man and team,		33 80
G. L. Barker, 4 poles for railing,		1 00
		$79 20

A. E. Jewell—Summer roads.

Paid A. E. Jewell, team,	63 hours, at	.40,	$25 20
" man,	85 1-2 "	.15,	12 82
G. P. Hoag, team,	25 "	.40,	10 00
Eric Olsen, "	25 "	.40,	10 00
Prescott Coburn,	20 1-2 "	.15,	3 07
T. H. Fitzgerald,	10 "	.15,	1 50
			$62 59

J. C. Piper—Summer roads.

Paid C. H. Thompson, for use of cart,			$0 50
F. V. Chapman, with team,	20 hours at	.40,	8 00
DeWitt C. Chapman,	40 "	.15,	6 00
J. E. Cooper,	10 "	.15,	1 50
J. Olsen,	8 "	.15,	1 20
Thomas Boardman,	14 "	.15,	2 10
J. C. Piper, with team,	42 "	.40,	16 80
" " 15 loads stone,		.20,	3 00
" " man,	75 "	.15,	11 25
G. A. Thompson, with team,	5 "	.40,	2 00
" "	22 "	.15,	3 30
For blasting material,			1 05
			$56 70

SNOW PATHS.

Paid J. C. Piper, with team,	6 "	.40,	$2 40
" " man,	11 "	.15,	1 65
" " horse,	2 1-2 "	.10,	25
			$4 30

C. H. Thompson—Summer roads.

Paid C. H. Thompson, team,	98 hours at .40,		$39 20
" man,	66 " .15,		9 90
O. B. French, team,	25 " .40,		10 00
" oxen,	17 " .15,		2 55
" man,	59 1-2 " .15,		8 93
J. O. French, man,	18 " .15		2 70
SNOW PATHS.			
C. H. Thompson, team,	6 " .40,		2 40
			$75 68

George R. Brewster—Summer roads.

Paid John S. Scammon,	30 hours at .15,	$4 50
John E. Chase,	11 1-2 " .15,	1 70
Geo. R. Brewster, with team,	40 " .40,	16 00
"	38 1-3 " .15,	5 75
E. B. Chase, with team,	23 " .40,	9 20
"	35 " .15,	5 25
" for 42 loads of gravel, at .05 per load,		2 10
" use of cart,		50
		$45 00

John S. Brewster—Summer roads.

Paid John S. Brewster,	64 hours at .15,	$9 60
G. R. Brewster, with team,	18 " .40,	7 20
" horse,	17 " .10,	1 70
"	42 " .15,	6 30
" plow,		20
		$25 00

Board of Education Bills.

Town of Stratham, to JOHN J. SCAMMON, DR.

1899.		
Mar. 20,	To 1-2 day in session,	$0 75
24,	Caverly's and Newmarket, on acct. of teacher,	75
	George A. Wiggin, for books and supplies,	50
27,	all schools with registers,	1 00
30,	Exeter and Division 1 with supplies,	25
31,	Exeter, Caverly's, Divisions 2, 3, 4, visiting, with supplies,	1 00
April 4,	Visiting in Division 2,	75
5,	" " 4,	75
6,	" " 1, 3 and Caverly's,	1.50
14,	Exeter and Divisions 1 and 4,	50
19,	Division 3 with supplies,	50
May 11,	Greenland, Division 3 and Caverly's,	1 00
June 6,	Exeter, Divisions 1, 2 and A. C. Lane's,	75
13 and 14,	visiting all schools,	3 00
July 17,	one evening in session,	50
25,	A. C. Lane's, E. B. Chase's and Divisions 2, 3, 4,	1 00
31,	Making report to State Superintendent and to Exeter with the same,	1 00
Aug. 1,	Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4 with Wiggin and Caverly, on account of repairs,	1 50
10,	Divisions 1 and 4, on account of repairs,	50
14,	E. B. Chase's, A. C. Lane's, I. S. Wiggin's and Exeter for lumber for repairs,	1 00
15,	Wentworth's, on account of cleaning school houses,	25
16,	Exeter and Division 1 with J. G. C. Lord,	50
21,	Exeter and Divisions 1, 2, 3, on account of repairs,	75

Aug. 26,	To A. C. Lane's and Divisions 1, 2, 3,	$0 50
31,	Rockingham for registers,	75
Sept. 1,	all schools with registers and supplies,	75
7 and 8,	Divisions 1, 2 3, visiting and supplies,	2 25
9,	Exeter and Rockingham for supplies,	50
12,	Exeter and Divisions 3 and 4,	50
13,	visiting Division 4 and supplies,	75
25,	three times to depot for readers,	50
26 to 29,	delivering text books,	75
Oct. 21,	Exeter for supplies,	25
31,	A. C. Lane's and E. B. Chase's,	50
Nov. 13 to 17,	visiting all schools,	3 00
Dec. 6,	Division 4 with supplies,	25
16,	I. S. Wiggin's, on account of schools,	25
19, 20 and 21,	visiting all schools,	3 00
27,	going to Dixon's and A. C. Lane's,	50
1900,		
Jan. 4 and 5,	all schools with supplies,	75
11,	Exeter for supplies, to Wiggin's and A. C. Lane's, and Divisions 1 and 2,	75
16 and 17,	visiting all schools,	3 00
Feb. 5,	packing and carrying old books to station,	50
14,	Visiting in Divisions 2, 3 and 4,	1 50
15,	Exeter and town hall,	50
		$42 00

Town of Stratham, to Isaac S. Wiggin, Dr.

For services as member of Board of Education:

1899.		
July 17,	To evening session,	$0 50
30,	examining school houses,	1 00
Aug. 5,	examining and measuring fence in Division 3,	50
11,	Mr. Scammon on school business,	50
Nov. 21,	Town Hall, examining statutes and to S. L. Rand's,	75

1900.			
Jan.	8,	To Divisions 1 and 3, on account of repairs,	$1 00
	16, 17	and 18, visiting schools,	3 00
	23,	Messrs. Caverly and Lane, on school business,	50
Feb.	7,	Mr. Lane on school business,	50
	14,	visiting schools,	1 50
		services as Secretary of School Board,	2 00
			$11 75

Town of Stratham, to Fred. A. Caverly, Dr.

For services as member of Board of Education:

1899.			
Mar.	20,	To afternoon session,	$0 75
Apr.	12, 13, 14,	enumerating children and making return,	5 00
June	3,	Division 3, on account of pump,	50
	5,	Exeter for pump chain,	50
July	17,	evening session,	50
	31,	all school houses,	1 00
Nov.	31,	in session,	75
			$9 00

Report of the Library Trustees.

The number of books added to the library during the year is 106. Of these 28 volumes were donated by the local branch of the W. C. T. U., which has taken a most commendable interest in the library since its start. It is hoped their generous action will be followed by others.

The library has been well patronized during the year, the number of volumes issued being 2,259.

The trustees would also acknowledge their obligation to Miss Lottie G. Smart and Miss Lucy Gordon for their efficient services as librarians.

Financial statement for year ending February 15, 1900:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	$17 78	
Appropriation, 1899,	72 30	
Fines,	8 58	
		$98 66

EXPENDITURES.

1899.		
Mar. 18, De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	$6 67	
April 17, J. H. Batchelder, magazines,	2 55	
June 13, De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	1 00	
Sept. 25, " " "	24 48	
Sept. 28, Perkins' express,	25	
Nov. 24, A. J. Ochs & Co., books,	7 69	
" De Wolfe, Fiske & Co.,	1 92	
1900.		
Feb. 7, De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	40 00	
" Damrell & Upham,	1 12	
" 8, Perkins' express,	25	
" 15, Library supplies,	4 15	
		$90 08
Balance on hand,		$8 58

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. GOWEN,
FRED A. CAVERLY,
R. M. SCAMMON,
} Library Trustees.

ANNUAL LIST OF BOOKS.

A15	How to know the wild flowers,	W. S. Dana.
B77	Life of A. Lincoln, Vol. 1,	Ida M. Tarbell.
B78	" " Vol. 2,	"
H71	The Maine,	Capt. C. D. Sigsbee.
H72	History of New England, Vol. 1,	Wm. B. Weeden.
H73	" " Vol. 2,	"
H74	Home life in colonial days,	Alice Morse Earle.
H75	Under Otis in the Philippines,	E. Stratemeyer.
M27	Mad humanity,	L. Forbes Winslow.
T60	Three Vassar girls abroad,	L. W. Champney.
2A2	The mill and the tavern,	T. S. Arthur.
3A20	Old fashioned fairy tales,	Anon.
3A21	Arabian nights,	"
2B1	Bordentown story-tellers,	H. Buttenworth.
9B4	The DeWilloughby claim,	F. H. Burnett.
11B4	Ghosts I have met,	J. K. Bangs.
24B	Tiverton tales,	A. Brown.
25B	The cruise of the Cachelot,	F. T. Buller.
26B	Hepsy's way,	M. R. Baldwin.
27B	Sand and cactus,	W. LeC. Beard.
4C3	A rose of yesterday,	F. M. Crawford.
10C5	The raiders,	S. R. Crockett.
21C	Richard Carvel,	W. Churchill.
22C	In the year of Waterloo,	O. V. Caine.
23C	Slaying the dragon,	D. O. Clark.
24C	Profit and loss,	Mary D. Chellis.
24C1	Out of the fire,	"
24C2	The old tavern,	"
24C3	The attic tenant,	"
24C4	Old benches with new props,	"
3D15	Sherburne house,	A. M. Douglass.
3D16	Lyndell Sherburne,	"
3D17	Sherburne cousins,	"
15D1	The history of Sephen and Merton,	Thomas Day.
17D	Mr. Dooley,	F. P. Dunne.

4E3	The Hoosier school-master,	E. Eggleston.
5E	Iron heart,	Edward S. Ellis.
2F2	Draw swords,	G. M. Fenn.
3F2	The story of an untold love,	P. L. Ford.
3F3	The K. & A. train robbery,	"
6F1	A Cumberland vendetta,	John Fox, Jr.
6F2	The Kentuckians,	"
7F	A double thread,	E. T. Fowler.
8F	The market place,	Fisher Harrison.
9G1	The Leavenworth case,	A. K. Green.
12G	Hildegarde,	E. Gilmore.
13G	Jack, the young ranchman,	G. B. Grinnell.
14G	Boy life on the prairie,	H. Garland.
14H4	The people of the mist,	H. Ryder Haggard.
16H6	Plantation pageants,	J. C. Harris.
20H3	No surrender,	G. A. Henty.
20H4	Won by the sword,	"
20H5	A roving commission,	"
20H6	At Aboukir and Acre,	"
20H7	Redskin and cow-boy,	"
24H1	The yarn of a Bucko mate,	H. E. Hamblen.
29H	Fun and fighting of the rough riders,	Tom Hall.
26H1	Beforehand,	S. M. I. Henry.
28H	An errant wooing,	Mrs. B. Harrison.
8J	Prisoners of hope,	M. Johnston.
1K3	A trooper Galahad,	Charles King.
2K3	The day's work,	Rudyard Kipling.
6L	Wolfville,	A. H. Lewis.
7L	Zoraida,	W. LeQueux.
8L	Barclay's daughter,	J. K. Ludlum.
13M1	Prisoners and captives,	H. S. Merriman.
14M2	Adventure of Francois,	S. W. Mitchell.
19M	The greater glory,	M. Maartens.
19M1	Joost Avelingh,	"
19M2	God's fool,	"
20M	Ye little Salem maide,	P. B. Mackie.
21M	The fire fighters,	J. E. McConaughy.

22M	The Sturgis wager,	E. Morette.
3N	In a country town,	A. L. Noble.
3N1	Summerwild,	"
3N2	Miss Roberts' lodgers,	"
5O	The Massarenes,	Ouida.
8R	Sundown Leflare,	F. Remington.
8R1	Crooked trails,	"
10R	The Garn,	C. H. Robbins.
11R	Roy's wife,	E. F. Richmond.
12R	Quicksilver Sue,	E. L. Richards.
13S2	Vizier of the two horned Alexander,	F. R. Stockton.
14S2	The Silverado squatters,	R. L. Stevenson.
14S3	An inland voyage,	" "
23S2	In His steps,	C. M. Sheldon.
23S3	Richard Bruce,	"
23S4	His brother's keeper,	"
23S5	The miracle at Markham,	"
23S6	John King's question class,	"
5T7	Catherine,	W. M. Thackeray.
5T8	Vanity fair,	"
8T2	A tramp abroad,	Mark Twain.
8T3	The gilded age,	"
13T	Wild animals I have known,	E. S. Thompson.
17W	David Harum,	E. N. Westcott.
18W	The adventurer,	H. B. M. Watson.
19W	A strange sea story,	Mrs. J. Mc. N. Wright.
19W1	Nothing to drink,	"
19W2	Her ready made family,	"
20W	True to his colors,	Rev. T. P. Wilson.
21W	Curly head,	E. Wright.
22W	The haunted islands,	M. E. Wilmer.
2Y	Nobody's fortune,	Edmund Yates.

Annual Report of the Board of Education.

ORGANIZATION.

John J. Scammon, ...	Chairman.
Fred A. Caverly, ...	Truant Officer.
Isaac S. Wiggin, ...	Secretary.

CALENDAR.

Spring term, ...	March 27 to June 16.
Fall term, . .	August 28 to December 22.
Winter term, . .	January 1 to February 16.

TEACHERS.

Division No. 1.

Miss Mabel A. Mathes, Newmarket, N. H.

Division No. 2.

Miss Myra Hayes, Limerick, Me.

Division No. 3.

Miss Helen R. Jamieson, Methuen, Mass.

Division No. 4.

Miss Florence E. Rollins, Stratham, N. H.

DIVISION NO. 1.

This school was taught the entire year of 35 weeks by Miss Mabel A. Mathes, of Newmarket. She entered upon her duties with a determination to succeed and excel if possible, and com-

menced her by no means light task with 34 scholars, all young and of different grades, the larger part of them having little thought or knowledge of school discipline.

At the various visits of the School Board, Miss Mathes appeared to have the good will of her school, the scholars were to a unit apparently anxious to please their teacher, and responded to their recitations in a prompt and cheerful manner. For promptness, good order, improvement and discipline, this school is second to none.

DIVISION NO. 2.

The school was taught by Miss Myra Hayes, of Limerick, Maine, it being her third year as teacher in this division.

It would be useless for us to add or retract from former reports. At the final visit of the School Board, the scholars were orderly and showed improvement in their different recitations, and the school-room and surroundings denoted good care and careful supervision.

DIVISION NO. 3.

Miss Helen R. Jamieson, of Methuen, Mass., having taught this school the two preceding terms, and already acquired the affection and confidence of her pupils, could at once resume her duties advantageously.

The scholars were clearly interested in their school exercises, good order was manifest, she proved herself successful in the earnest efforts to, and did succeed in giving them a good school.

The teacher remarks that, "I have found it a pleasure to teach the pupils of this school. I find them as a whole, earnest, obedient and studious, and I wish to thank their parents and friends for their kindness shown me through the pupils, and for the time spent by them in visiting the school."

DIVISION NO. 4.

Miss Florence E. Rollins, teacher for the past year, continued her work with the same success. This is a small school; there were seven scholars present at the last two visits of the School

Board; all were studious, quiet, neat and orderly, and nothing was apparently needed except scholars to fill the vacant seats. Miss Rollins has an advanced class of four, who acquitted themselves with great credit to themselves and their teacher.

REMARKS.

The advancement and deportment of our schools the past year have been fairly satisfactory. The registers have been neatly and carefully kept, the school buildings well cared for by their several teachers and janitors, text books handled with care, and supplies called for in wholesale quantities. We are free to say that in our frequent visits to the schools, we fail to find many pupils who appear as though sent there to be the recipients of knowledge without labor or exertion on their part, while others appear as if the teacher was in duty bound to pour it into their minds to be received by them automatically, but the major proportion of our scholars, we think to be studious and ambitious to make progress in their studies. It is necessary to impress our teachers with the idea that their pupils should be thoroughly versed with the rudimentary principles of the preparatory branches, before they can successfully and intelligently enter upon and comprehend the higher and more advanced studies. The mere fact of their having completed certain branches (either by pretense or turning the leaves) is of no benefit to them, unless the proper foundation has been made for their acquiring a perfect understanding of the subject matter, not such an understanding as will enable them to repeat from memory the language of their text books, but such a thorough comprehension as will enable them to explain intelligently, in their own language, the elementary principle upon which the solution is based.

These remarks are particularly applicable to arithmetic; this branch of study, considering its importance, is neglected in a great many schools. Care should be taken that a plain and practical application be made of its various principles, and mental computations insisted upon. It must be remembered that in the ordinary walks of life and in the transaction of business generally, he who thinks and acts quickly often embraces favorable opportunities and arrives at conclusions that enable him to attain success much more

quickly than others. This is sometimes the result of a natural adaptation for the performing of business, but more often it originates from the proper training of the mind. This condition of training can be greatly facilitated by compelling the brain to perform the function of a book-keeper in many instances, without resorting to pen and paper. This not only obviates the delay incident to such action, but lessens the dependency of the business man upon subordinates. It is certain he, whose mind encompasses all branches of his respective business, and is familiar with all the details and is competent to judge as to the capability of his employees, has a decided advantage over one with no practical experience or training, and one unable to intelligently select his assistants. Just so the scholar, who, in the beginning, is taught to rely upon the working out in his own mind of the ordinary transactions of every day life, surpasses one who is entirely dependent upon a carefully figured arithmetical calculation on paper or slate.

This is an age of advancement, new and improved machinery is being substituted for that in use in our manufacturing establishments, new ways are being devised to instill knowledge into the minds of the young. Branches of study are being taught in our schools which may not appear necessary to some of our citizens, as for example, music; the opinions of the parents are divided as to the feasibility of its introduction, we have been requested to both continue and discontinue the teaching of it. The following is substantially the yearly cost of its introduction:

Three charts, $10 each,	$30 00
Singing School Teacher, one hour each school, each week, at $1 per hour, 4 schools, 35 weeks each,	140 00
One hour or 1-6 of each day required by Singing Teacher for practice, 1-6 of the school money, estimated	200 00
Making a total of	$370 00

After the first year the schools would be supplied with the necessary charts, rendering the expense the succeeding years so much

less; we shall incorporate into our school warrant an article asking the district to decide the question for us. We do not feel justified in spending this amount of the school money when we know of the opposition to it, unless we have some authority from the taxpayers.

We found our schools sadly in want of text books, many were wholly unfit for use, many were using readers far in advance of their requirements; we decided to change certain text books, and introduced Hazen's Series of Readers; we now have at least two years supply on hand. The Grammars, Geographies and Spellars are mostly in bad condition and new volumes should be supplied, otherwise our schools are well equipped with modern school apparatus.

But a small proportion of the children that attend our common schools will have any other educational advantages. With the qualifications here received, whether good or bad, they will go out to the business of life.

Their success will depend upon their intellectual and moral training, for surely if there is any dependence to be placed in what we see and hear, there is a close connection between the training of children and their future character and conduct. With book knowledge should also be taught the value of a noble, moral character.

Parents, teachers and others should co-operate in this work, for our future as a nation depends on the intelligence and morality of its citizens.

J. J. SCAMMON,

For Board of Education.

STRATHAM, February 21, 1900.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DIVISION 1.

Spring term.—Lester R. Brewster, Guy Brewster, Burnham Cooper, Alice Cooper, Raymond Scammon.

Fall term.—Richard Campbell, Raymond Scammon, Norman Tuttle, Alice Cooper, Ruth Parkman.

Winter term.—Richard Campbell, Lester R. Brewster, Burbank Severance, Norman Tuttle, Eddie Kent, Harry Oliver, Helen Scammon, Ruth Martin.

DIVISION 2.

Spring term.—Lila Pearl Chase, Charles Hugh Chase, Arthur Edmunds.

Fall term.—Lila Pearl Chase, Mildred L. Lane, Charles Hugh Chase, Arthur Edmunds, Robert R. Otis, Ray A. Otis, Horace W. Cragg.

Winter term.—Lila Pearl Chase, Hazel Dodge, John G. Dodge, Harold L. Dodge, Willie Dodge.

DIVISION 3.

Spring term.—Charles E. Jewell, Charles H. Cragg, Horace W. Cragg, Philip L. Gowen, Shirley W. Gowen, Herbert C. Grant, Lizzie G. Fitzgerald, Ruth Smith.

Fall term.—Russell Chapman, Charles E. Jewell, Thomas Smith, Richard Smith, Earle Stockbridge, Flossie Kelley.

Winter term.—Warren Chapman, Herbert C. Grant, Howard Gowen, Bennie Gowen, Philip L. Gowen, Shirley W. Gowen, Charles E. Jewell, Earle Stockbridge.

DIVISION 4.

Spring term.—Edith M. Stickney.

Fall term.—Ola May Frost, Edgar G. Wentworth.

Winter term.—Edith M. Stickney.

TEXT BOOKS USED.

Hazen's Readers, Buckwalter's Speller, Harper's Geography, Barnes' History, Greenleaf's Arithmetic, Raub's Grammar, Robinson's Algebra, Smith's Physiology, Ginn & Co.'s Vertical Writing Books.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF SCHOOLS.

Divisions.	1	2	3	4	Total.
No. of weeks in Spring Term	12	12	12	12	48
" " Fall "	16	16	16	16	64
" " Winter "	7	7	7	7	28
Whole No. of scholars in Spring Term	32	37	31	16	116
" " " Fall "	34	37	31	14	116
" " " Winter "	30	40	26	7	103
Wages of teacher per month	$36	$36	$36	$32	$140
Visits by School Board	9	8	11	8	36
Visits by parents and others	55	71	123	25	274
No. of scholars in Reading	34	42	31	10	117
" Spelling	34	42	31	10	117
" Penmanship	34	42	31	10	117
" Arithmetic	34	33	31	10	108
" Geography	13	20	22	6	61
" Grammar	27	25	18	6	76
" History	12	..	22	3	37
" Composition	4	15	22	6	47
" Physiology	3	9	7		19
" Vocal Music	34	42	31	..	107
" Drawing	..	..	31	..	31
" Algebra	1	..	6	..	7

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1900.

Report of School Treasurer Albert C. Lane.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Balance on hand from last year,	$214 68	
School money raised by town,	1,205 00	
Income from literary fund,	72 96	
Income from dog licenses,	55 00	
For building fence, Division 2,	33 35	
For repairs in District,	200 00	
		$1,780 99

TREASURER'S DISCHARGE.

Paid Teachers' salaries,		$1,225 00
Janitors' salaries,		42 00
WOOD BILLS.		
Paid John J. Scammon, 6 cords pine wood at $3.00,	$18 00	
John J. Scammon, 6 cords hard wood at $5.00,	30 00	
George W. Dixon, 2 1-4 cords pine wood,	7 88	
" " 2 1-4 cords hard wood,	11 25	
William L. Morse, 2 cords pine wood at $3.50,	7 00	
William L. Morse, 3 cords hard wood at $5.00,	15 00	
James W. Rollins, wood for 1898-1899,	24 00	
		$113 13
REPAIRS.		
Paid J. H. Fellows, for lumber,	$51 08	
John G. C. Lord, painting contract,	54 25	
John H. Gove, stock and labor on school house,	28 02	
I. S. Wiggin, building fence and grading,	9 90	
A. A. Haven, " " "	15 65	
F. H. Pearson, grading,	8 15	
J. C. A Wingate, lumber,	1 20	
F. L. Tuttle, shingling Division 4 and repairs,	17 60	

Paid F. P. Harvey, building fence, Division 2,	$6 30	
G. H. Odell, nails,	1 05	
I. S. Wiggin, grading, Divisions 2-3,	4 50	
F. P. Harvey, repairs, Divisions 1-3,	3 85	
Augustus Young, hardware,	14 43	
Benaiah Wiggin, repairs,	4 75	
B. F. Rollins, repairs,	2 25	
		$222 98

SUPPLIES.

James H. Batchelder,	$7 09	
John J. Scammon,	8 38	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	7 44	
George F. King & Co.,	13 29	
		$36 20

SUNDRIES.

Paid for cleaning school houses,	14 00	
For express on supplies and postage,	4 05	
Sawing and splitting wood,	30	
		$18 35

RECAPITULATION.

Cash received by the Treasurer,		$1,780 99
Paid Teachers' salaries,	$1,225 00	
Janitors' salaries,	42 00	
For wood,	113 13	
For supplies,	36 20	
For repairs,	222 98	
Sundry expenses,	18 35	
Balance,	123 33	
		$1,780 99

AUDITORS' REPORT.

STRATHAM, February 15, 1900.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of School Treasurer A. C. Lane, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance in his hands of one hundred twenty three 33-100 dollars.

GEO E. GOWEN, }
R. M. SCAMMON, } Auditors.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date 1899.		Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	No. of Child.	Living or Still-born.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Feb.	9	Vera May,	F	1	L	Albert Cottrell,	Lilia J. Dearborn,	Belfast, Me.,	Greenland.
	9	Leah Blanche,	"	2	"	Albert Cottrell,	Lilia J. Dearborn,	Belfast, Me.,	Greenland.
	17		M	12	S	Loren Thompson,	Isabelle Thompson,	Nottingham,	England.
	26	Mary Scammon,	F	5	L	George W. Chase,	Mary P. Smith,	Stratham,	Stratham.
	26		M	1	"	Henry E. Gilbraith,	Mary Irvine,	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	England.
Apr.	6	Lillian C.,	F	4	"	Stephen Beal,	Edith Spurr,	Nova Scotia,	Nova Scotia.
	14	Bertha B.,	"	1	"	Leonel Carr,	Mary Eno,	Mudnock,	Greenland.
Oct.	16		M	4	"	Arthur Thompson,	May Bell Chase,	Wilmot,	Woodstock.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date 1899.	Place of Marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Feb. 1	Dover,	Stephen A. Boston, Elvina S. Marston,	25 19	W "	Barrington, North Hampton,	Stephen Boston, Hannah Giles, Joseph Marston, Lottie Broderick,	2d, 1st,	Rev. H. E. Shattuck, Dover.
June 3	Greenland,	Willard Barker, Georgia E. Smith,	30 21	W "	Stratham, Stratham,	Levi Barker, Hannah Jewell, Albert Smith, Lizzie Smith,	1st, "	Rev. Edward Robie, Greenland.
Aug. 1	Newtonville, Mass.	John S. Brewster, Helen B. Cottrell,	42 20	W "	Stratham, Belfast, Me.,	Charles Brewster, Phoebe Stockbridge, Thomas Cottrell, Sarah Dean,	1st, "	Rev. B. F. McDaniel, Newton, Mass.
Oct. 18	Exeter,	Harry E. Boston, Catherine Murphy,	24 39	W "	Barrington, Stratham,	Stephen Boston, Hannah Giles, John Murphy, Mary Murphy,	1st, "	Rev. George E. Street, Exeter.
Nov. 29	Exeter,	Edward C. Batchelder, Nellie E. Parkman,	24 23	W "	Stratham, Stratham,	Albert Batchelder, Sarah Blodgett, George Parkman, Melissa Robinson,	1st, "	Rev. W. L. Anderson, Exeter.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date 1899.	Name and surname of Deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Jan. 5	Annie M. Wiggin,	76	8	29			W		Noah P. Wiggin,	Mary Webster.
21	John L. Jewell,	85	2	21			"		Levi Jewell,	Hannah Marston.
26	Clara M. Weeks,	33					"			
29	Benjamin F. Rand,	1	2	19			"		Cirello Rand,	Edna Hodgdon.
Feb. 17	—— Thompson (Stillb'n),						"		Loren Thompson,	Isabelle Thompson.
Mar. 5	Isabella Thompson,	40	4	21			"		George Thompson,	Dorothy Harrison.
13	Lawrence G. Otis,	63					"		Thomas Otis,	Olive Goodwin.
20	Gladys E. Thompson,	2	11	6			"		Arthur Thompson,	May Belle Chase.
Apr. 5	Ann Sarah Warsaw,	70	8				"		Joseph T. Weeks,	Nancy R. Hilton.
23	Ezra Barker,	95	11	1			"		Levi Barker,	Mary Wiggin.
24	Leland Robinson,	3	11				"		Fred Robinson,	Minnie Poole.
May 18	Clara P. French,	81	7				"		David French,	Clara Wiggin.
June 17	Adeline Pearson,	74	11	17			"		Charles Marston,	Elizabeth Pierce.
22	Mary Tuttle,	101		24			"		John Stockbridge,	Leah Stockbridge.
Aug. 25	Henry S. Lane,	67	8	23			"		George Lane,	Mary L. Barker.
30	Charles J. Kelley,	25	8	8			"		Josiah Kelley,	Corinna Sinclair.
Sept. 4	Eric Olsen,	28	5	12			"		Olt Peterson.	
12	Nancy Wiggin,	88	8				"		Abraham French,	Hannah Lane.
Oct. 26	Sarah J. Whidden,	76					"		Nicholas Chase.	
Nov. 3	Emma F. Dixon,	38	8				"		Ado. dau. Nathan Adams.	
10	George W. Wiggin,						"		William Wiggin,	Mahala ——

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